Quality Site Requirements (QSR) Alert – 2010- 02
Highlights and Key Reminders

Truncated (Protected) Taxpayer Identity Numbers

QSR # 5 Timely Filing
QSR # 10 Security

Information Reporting –IRS Pilot Program Allows Filers to Shorten Personal ID Numbers on Paper Statements. *This Alert is being issued to advise you of this new pilot and to ensure taxpayers are not turned away from your site if these documents are provide during return preparation.*

On November 19, 2009, IRS announced the launch of a pilot program allowing filers of information returns to use a shortened version of:

- An individual's Social Security number,
- IRS individual taxpayer identification number, or
- An IRS adoption taxpayer identification number (ATIN) for paper payee statements, subject to certain qualifying criteria.

IRS developed the pilot program to address risks such as identity theft that may occur from the misappropriation of any one of these nine-digit personal identification numbers.

Under the pilot program, filers may use a truncated version of ID numbers on paper statements and replace the first five of the nine digits with asterisks or Xs.

For example: Social Security number 123-45-6789 would appear as
- *****-**- 6789**, or
- **XXX-XX-6789**

The notice is effective immediately for tax years 2009 and 2010, but only applies to the following paper payee statements:
- Form 1098 series, (mortgage Interest Statement)
- Form 1099 series, (Interest Income)
- Form 5498 series (IRA Contributions)

The pilot program does not include information returns filed with the IRS, electronic payee statements, or payee statements outside the Forms 1098, 1099, or 5498 series. Again, this is a pilot and the number of taxpayers you will see should be limited.

If you have any questions, please discuss with your site coordinator, email partner@irs.gov or contact your local IRS SPEC relationship manager.

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